

REMARKS

This Amendment is submitted in response to a first office action dated August 29, 2005.

Applicant has amended the title of the invention to clearly indicate the invention to which the claims are directed.

Applicant has amended Figures 3a and 3b, labeling the boxes indicated by 22 a-c and 23 a-b. A Replacement Sheet containing the corrected drawings is attached hereto.

The Examiner rejected Claims 1-4 and 6-8 under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) as being anticipated by Friedli (6382363 B1). The Examiner objected to Claims 5 and 9 as being dependent upon a rejected base claim but otherwise allowable if rewritten in independent form including all limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. In response Applicant has amended Claim 1 to include the further limitations of Claim 5 and Claim 6 to include the further limitations of Claim 9. Claims 5 and 9 are canceled.

CONCLUSION

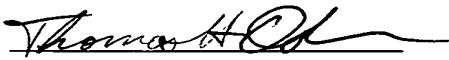
Applicant respectfully submits that the subject application is in condition for allowance. Should the Examiner feel a phone interview would be helpful in processing the subject application, please do not hesitate to call the undersigned.

Please charge any fee for this statement to Deposit Account No. 15-0750, Order No. OT-5039.

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